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## SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WHO ARE BURIED IN ILLINOIS.

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### HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

When the record of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Sangamon, Madison, and other counties was published in previous issues of the *Journal*, it was not claimed that the record was complete, only names of those whose military service had been verified were given.

It has been ascertained that one more name can be added to the Tablet erected in Sangamon county in memory of Revolutionary soldiers once residents of the county.

Sangamon county is entitled to the name of

BAZEL, OR BARZILLA CLARK,

who was born in Pennsylvania in 1750; he was married in 1773 to Nancy ———, who endured peculiar hardships during the war, being confined in a fort where for two weeks she subsisted on parched corn and water. Bazel Clark acted as private in Pennsylvania Militia, Washington county, Penna. They came to Sangamon county in 1821, settling in Salisbury township, where he died Sept. 24, 1840.

Madison county has one more name to add,

ABSALOM BAKER

was a native of North Carolina where he enlisted in May, 1775, under Capt. John Brannon, serving until 1781. He was in the battles of Stono and Bacon's (Biggin's) Bridge; was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston

and held thirty days; was in Buford's defeat; the battle of Ramsour's Mills; Sumter's defeat at Hanging Rock; was wounded in the battle of Gates' defeat near Camden; and was in the battle of King's Mountain, Monk's Corner, Guilford Court House, and Eutaw Springs. A remarkable record for one man. He came to Illinois in 1824, settling in Sangamon county, but removed to Madison county where he died in 1833.

Warren county has one name to add; that of

**JAMES MEADOWS.**

who was born in Virginia in 1750; while a young man he went to North Carolina to reside and entered the service from that state. He served until the close of the war. In 1794 he removed to Kentucky, and in 1832 came to Illinois to reside, settling in Warren county. His grave in the Meridan cemetery was marked by the Puritan and Cavalier Chapter D. A. R. of Monmouth.

**MENARD COUNTY.**

**LEWIS FERGUSON,**

a native of Virginia, born in 1760, enlisted in Culpeper county in 1778, serving until 1780. He was first a private but was promoted to a Lieutenant under Capt. Garland Burrly; Col. Francis Taylor. He died in Menard county in 1842. Was pensioned.

**JAMES THOMAS**

was born in Maryland in 1750; enlisted in 1776 serving six years as a private in Captains David Hopkins and David Plunkett's companies; Col. Stephen Maylan, in 4th Continental Dragoons. He was wounded in the battles of Germantown and Savannah, was also in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and the Siege of Yorktown. After the war he removed to Indiana, coming to Illinois he resided in Menard county, where he died in 1833.

**BENJAMIN WALKER**

was born in Pennsylvania in 1758, and died in Menard county in 1847. He served at various times in the Pennsylvania troops from June 1, 1776, to March, 1779. He was given a pension. He died in Menard county, Ills.

**JOSHUA SHORT**

was born in Virginia about 1752; he enlisted in 1776, serving until 1778 in the Virginia troops. At the close of the war he removed to Kentucky and in 1825 came to Illinois, settling near Springfield. Joshua Short was one of the aged men who rode in a canoe, mounted on wheels and rigged as a ship, in the procession at the Whig gathering in 1840. He removed to Menard county, where he died two years later.

**GREENE COUNTY.****MICHAEL M. BAKER**

was born in 1753 in Borough of Southwark, London, England, coming to America in 1773. He early espoused the cause of the new country, and enlisted in 1779 in Major Frederick Vernon's company, Col. David Broadherdin Pennsylvania troops, serving as Sergeant. He removed to Ohio and later to Greene county, Illinois, where he died in 1831.

**ALLEN J. BRIDGES**

was a native of Wake county North Carolina; born in 1756, and died in Greene county, Ills., 1846. He enlisted in Rowan county and served seven months as private in ---Alexander's company; Col. Joseph McDowell. He was in the battles of Ramsour and Salisbury. He married in Greene county, Elizabeth Irwin, and she drew a pension after the death of her husband.

## JOHN CLARK

was born in 1765, in Lancaster county Pennsylvania, and died in Greene county, Illinois, Sept. 13, 1844. He served from 1778 to the close of the war, enlisting three different times, serving under Captains Timothy Downing, Samuel Teeters, and again under Timothy Downing, Colonels Williamson and Crawford, in Virginia line of troops. He was in battle with Indians at the time Col. Crawford was captured.

## JESSE CONWAY

was a native of Virginia, enlisting at Reed Island in 1777 for eighteen months, again in 1779 for sixteen months, serving under Captains William Buchanan and Isaac Riddle, with — Boon and — Bowman as Colonels. He was born in 1761, and died in Greene county, Illinois, in 1840.

## JAMES GARRISON

was born near Frederickstown, Penn., in 1747; he enlisted at Wilkes county, North Carolina, in 1775, for three months, under Capt. John Hamlin; Col. Benjamin Cleaveland; enlisted again in 1781, with Capt. Alexander Gordon; Col. Joseph McDowell. He was engaged in the battles of Cross Creek, the surrender of ninety-six, and the battle of Eutaw. He received a pension in 1833 while a resident of Greene county, Illinois, where he died.

## ADONIJAH GRISWOLD

was born at New Milford, Conn., 1758; he entered the service in Vermont under Capt. — Barnum and Major Gideon Brownson, in Vermont Militia; he served as a scout until 1778, when he was taken prisoner, carried to Quebec, and kept there until 1781. He died in Greene county, Illinois, Sept. 1, 1841. (From further investigation it is claimed that his record of service was not

sufficient. We give the benefit of the doubt and place his name on the list of Patriots.—Ed.)

#### JOHN HEWITT

was born in 1761 in Brunswick county, Virginia; removed to North Carolina where he enlisted Aug., 1778; re-enlisted seven times, serving until 1781; was private and Sergeant under seven captains, viz.: — Williams, — Smith, — McFarling, — Moore, John Henderson, Nathan Goodye, — White, — Fuller and Col. — Malmady. He was in the battles of Guilford Court House and Ramsour's Mill. He died in Greene county, Illinois, in 1848, and lies buried in that county.

#### ROBERT LORTON,

a soldier of the Revolutionary war, was born in Charlotte, Virginia, where he enlisted in 1776, and served two years as private in the 4th Virginia Regt., under Capt. John Morton and Col. Adam Stephen. He was in the battles of Trenton, Germantown and Brandywine; re-enlisted under Capt. — Holcomb, serving six months. After the war he removed to Kentucky, and at an early date came to Illinois, first to Bond county, and later settled in Greene county, where he died in 1833. Robert Lorton was the founder of Lorton Prairie near Whitehall, where he lies buried.

#### FRANCIS MILLER

was born at Sea, Oct. 16, 1753, when his parents were on a voyage from Philadelphia to Charleston, South Carolina. They removed to Mecklenburg county, where Francis Miller enlisted in 1775 as private; he again enlisted and was made captain, serving three times as that officer in the Riflemen Rangers, with Robert Irwin as Colonel. He served until 1781, and was in the battles of Hanging Rock and Guilford Court House. He re-

moved to Greene county, Illinois, at an early date, and died there in 1843.

**JONAH SCROGGINS**

was born in 1763, in Brunswick county, Virginia; he enlisted in Butte county, North Carolina, in 1778, with Robert Temples as Captain and Charles Pinckney as Major; he re-enlisted three times under Captains Philip Taylor, Philip Thomas and John Whitley, and Major — Dennis, and Major Robert Rayford. He died in Greene county, Illinois, in 1845.

**AARON SMITH**

was a native of North Carolina, born 1765; he enlisted in 1781, only serving thirty-four days, when he was shot through the thigh in the battle of Eutaw Springs. He served under Captains — Moore and Michael Randolph, with Colonels — Lytle and — Lee. After the war he removed to Tennessee, and from there to Illinois, settling in Greene county. He died in March, 1841.

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

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Mrs. E. S. Walker, Ills. State Chairman D. A. R., Committee on "Historical Research."

The Committee on Historical Research and Preservation of Records, connected with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is actively engaged in a most interesting and important work.

The field work open to us in historical research is enormous in its possibilities. While there may not be so many valuable records in the State of Illinois in comparison with the older states in our Union, yet in many of our homes there are ancient documents in the handwriting of those who in an early day came to live within the boundary of this State. There may be unpublished diaries, memoirs, reminiscences and traditions, all testifying to the social and economic establishment of this State and nation. These documents will soon become indecipherable by age, and will thus be lost by neglect.

Our homes may become treasure houses of history. It will redound to the honor of the State of Illinois to preserve for all time to come authentic records of the historic past. The Secretary of the Illinois State Historical Society is anxious to obtain such historical material and has repeatedly asked the aid and interest of members of the Society in obtaining it.